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In re Appln. of: Scott R. Sargent

Appln. No.: 09/676,580

Filed: September 29, 2000

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- ☒ Transmittal Letter (in dup.); Information Disclosure Statement (in dup.); Form PTO-1449; 6 cited references and check in the amount of \$180.00
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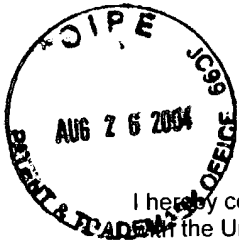
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Respectfully submitted,

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed below and on the attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and

made of record. Copies of the listed documents required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2) are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

The references now cited are the following:

OTHER ART

1. Engestrom, J., "Software Agents, Towards Transparent Mediation, A Technology Report for Salama Interactive," Jan. 1999, pp. 1-19.
2. Morris, K.C. and Flater, D., "Standards-based software testing in a Net-Centric World" pp. 1-8 (cited by Examiner, no date given)
3. Raje, R. and Chinnasamy, S., "Designing a distributed computing environment for global scale systems: challenges and issues," ACM SIGAPP Applied Computing Review, Vol. 7, Issue 1, Spring 1999, pages 25-30
4. Copy of co-pending patent application, U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/386,917, filed August 31, 1999; 340 pages, Inventor Michael K. Bowman-Amuah
5. Copy of co-pending patent application, U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/647,411, filed August 25, 2003; 22 pages, Inventor Michael K. Bowman-Amuah
6. Copy of co-pending patent application, U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/387,654, filed August 31, 1999; 818 pages, Inventor Michael K. Bowman-Amuah

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g),(h), this Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made and is not to be construed to be an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b).

The submission of this Information Disclosure Statement is for other art. A separate submission of U.S. patent references and published U.S. patent applications has been made electronically on the same date as this Information Disclosure Statement. Applicants are informed that the electronic Information Disclosure Statement need not include an electronic Form 1449. If the Examiner requires paper Forms 1449 to assist in making the documents submitted electronically of record, the Examiner is requested to so inform Applicants, who will be happy to submit paper Forms 1449 covering the electronic IDS submissions.

A fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) in the amount of \$180.00 for all submissions, including the electronic submissions mentioned above is enclosed herewith. Should the enclosed check be insufficient, omitted or should any additional fees be deemed necessary under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be deemed necessary for any reason relating to these material, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct said fees from Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this document is enclosed.

Applicant(s) respectfully request that the listed documents be made of record in the present case.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Sanders N. Hillis", is written over a horizontal line.

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